

Case No. : SIC/ DMJ.68/2018  
Appellant : Sri Harish Pegu  
Respondent : The SPIO, Jiadhal College, Dhemaji, P.O. Jiadhal Chariali, PIN –  
787057, Assam  
Date of hearing : 29-4-2019  
Second Appeal heard by : Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS (Retd.)  
State Information Commissioner, Assam

**O R D E R****29-4-2019**

The petitioner Sri Harish Pegu is present. The Public authority is represented by Sri Mohim Deka, SPIO & Lecturer of Jiadhal College.

The SPIO has submitted a written statement today that on receipt of the RTI petition dt. 9-7-2018 seeking for information on the various subjects, the petitioner was informed vide letter dt. 7-8-2018, that the documents sought for are voluminous and would involve a huge amount of expenditure. He was requested to visit the College for inspection of documents at a convenient date, so that amount of expenditure to be incurred may be saved, in view of critical financial condition of the venture College. The Appellant instead of visiting the College submitted 1<sup>st</sup> Appeal before the Jiadhal College on 28-8-2018 that the SPIO had not provided the information sought for in time. He submitted that the petitioner was already informed that due to paucity of funds, the respondent was unable to provide the information. However, vide letter dt. 14-9-2018 the petitioner was informed that a tentative amount of Rs. 5,000/- is necessary to bear the photocopy cost and requested the petitioner to deposit the said amount in the College Account, but the Appellant did not cooperate and preferred a 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal, to cause undue harassment to the Public authority. He also alleged that the appellant had demanded several times to appoint his cousin Sri Purna Kanta Pegu as Principal of Jiadhar College, but his demand was illegal and the concerned Governing Body of the College had not taken any action. As such to take revenge, the Appellant did not cooperate with the Public authority. He enclosed a copy of the letter dt. 3-7-2017 demanding appointment of his cousin Sri Purna Kanta Pegu as Principal of Jiadhar College. He has therefore requested to dismiss the instant Appeal preferred by the Appellant.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal petition dt. 12-12-2018 is taken up for consideration. The petitioner stated that he was dissatisfied with the reply sent to him on 14-9-2018 requesting him to deposit an amount of Rs. 5000/-. He stated that he was not informed of the number of pages to be photocopied. Besides he was not agreeable to furnish records of the period of previous Principal i.e. from 2011-12 and 2013-14 and that since he was not furnished the information within 30 days, he should have been furnished the documents free of cost.

The Commission observes that the information sought for by the petitioner vide his RTI petition dt. 9-7-2018 involves a huge volume of information relating to several years i.e. from 2011-2012 to 2014-2015 on various subjects. Furnishing of complete information by making photocopies will require substantial expenditure. The Commission therefore directs the petitioner to inspect the relevant documents in the office of the Principal, Jiadhal College within 21 days from the date of receipt of this order and complete inspection of documents during office hours. The petitioner will give at least 2 days notice to the Public authority for inspection of the document.

The SPIO, Jiadhal College is also directed to allow the petitioner to inspect the relevant documents and allow him to take notes and photocopies of the documents sought for free of cost up to 10 pages and thereafter on payment of Rs. 2/- for every additional page of photocopy.

As regards his allegation of demanding appointment of his cousin Sri Purna Kanta Pegu as Principal of Jiadhal College vide letter dt. 3-7-2017, it is seen that it has no relation to the RTI petition dt. 9-7-2017 and hence not taken into consideration.

With the above direction the 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal petition dt. 12-12-2018 is disposed of.

Sd/-

(Nilufer Alam Hazarika, IAS(Retd.) )  
State Information Commissioner, Assam  
Panjabari, Guwahati

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Assam Information Commission

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**Dtd. 29-4-2019**

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3. The petitioner, Sri Harish Pegu, Vill. Jiadhal Railway Station, P.O. Jiadhal Chariali, P.S. & Dist. Dhemaji, PIN – 787057, Assam for information.
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